

Garfield County Board of Commissioners Record

Burwell, Garfield County, Nebraska

The Garfield County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, September 9th, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Garfield County Courthouse in Burwell, Nebraska pursuant to public notice posted in three public places. Chairman Zulkoski called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present: Commissioners, Zulkoski, Hurlburt, and Krause.

Motion made by Krause to approve the agenda, second by Hurlburt. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve & adopt minutes of last County Commissioners meeting held August 26, 2025, second by Krause. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

The waiver, release and hold harmless agreement through Sandhills Weed Management Area (SWMA) and Custer County. County Attorney Sikyta has reached out to Custer County Attorney for clarification on the agreement and is waiting to hear back. The issue tabled until next regular meeting.

Discussion was held on the recycle trailer being hauled to Broken Bow for Garfield County. Kathy Brownell stated that the County Library has utilized the recycle trailer to keep recyclables out of the landfill and also utilized Loup basin RC&D for other recycle projects. Motion made by Hurlburt to continue hauling recycle trailer to Broken Bow as the current status until Custer County decides different on the operation of the recycling center, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion on the joint public hearing to be held on September 15, 2025 for the property tax request for FY 25-26. Hurlburt stated that she would represent Garfield County at the hearing. Zulkoski stated that he would speak with Pathway Bank about an operating note for the County to aid in cash flow.

Public Comments-Amy Ballagh stated that she recognized the County Board has a lot of work and she appreciates all the work put into the county especially during budget time.

Daniel Morrison, property owner in Garfield County presented with information on a possible solution for the black top near his residence of 82821 Calamus Drive. Kinney stated that they plan to cap the surface of the road and will try to keep it sloped on the east side of the road.

Gary Kinney, County Road Superintendent, presented information on the road department.

Motion made by Hurlburt to approve a SDL for Northside Bar & Grill for the Kamp Kaleo Junt Jaunt Jamboree September 27, 2025, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none.

The District Court month end report for August was reviewed as presented.

The monthly revenue listing and disbursement report for August along with a change in pledged collateral and the semi-annual statement was reviewed, as presented.

Resolution 2025-15; Veteran's Service Fund. Motion made by Krause to approve Resolution 2025-15, second by Zulkoski. Roll call vote: Aye, all; Nay, none.

Discussion circled back to the discussion of driveways with building permits. Kali Bolli, Planning and Zoning Administrator, stated that the property owners are currently supposed to be contacting the Road Superintendent and inform him of the proposed driveway. Going forward a permit for new driveway may be attached to building permits when required.

Motion made by Hurlburt to enter into a closed session for the purpose of discussing employee drug testing policy, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 2:55 p.m. Chairman Zulkoski cleared the room for the closed session. Those in attendance of the closed session were members of the Board and County Attorney Sikyta. Motion made by Hurlburt to come out of closed session, second by Krause. Aye, all; Nay, none. At 3:52 P.M., Chairman Zulkoski reconvened the regular session. Motion made by Hurlburt for Garfield County to adopt a County drug testing policy to implement with the new handbook being updated, second by Zulkoski. Aye, all; Nay, none.

Motion made by Hurlburt to adjourn the meeting, second by Krause. With no further business, Chairman Zulkoski adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Attest: _____
Keri L. Koenigsberg,
Garfield County Clerk

Attest: _____
Jerome Zulkoski,
Chairman of the Board